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Like a lot of our fellow citizens in Dover, we are seeing a continuing frightful issue with people panhandling on our roads and streets and it needs to stop before someone is either run over or attacked out of violence or fear.

When citizens drive on the roads in our city, towns and state, we are expected to obey all laws and this includes all laws, not just those chosen as exempt by a social agenda.

We have been witnessing the constant and increasing aggression of these people standing, stumbling, attempting to walk on the median strips and walking right up to cars, aggressively demanding the driver roll down their window or open their door to give them money. This is unsafe and unfair to law abiding citizens and does nothing to fix the problem.

This was never a problem in Dover or Kent County until the last few years, and the time for complacency to end is now before it is too late and we see a violent or deadly interaction on these roads from these growing incidents that should never have been allowed to begin to start with.

Stop the panhandling now, stop the people being allowed to stand on roads to aggressively approach cars and stop forcing law abiding citizens to live in fear. Do we need to get federal intervention to finally stop this, because it certainly seems that leaders in our city could care less and don't know how to enforce our laws.

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